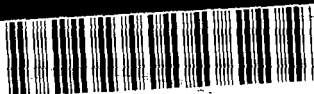


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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM REGISTRATION
AS TRANSFER AGENT

Pursuant To Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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1. Transfer Agent File No.: 2. Full name of registrant: 08-4-459 THE MONTANA POWER COMPANY
3. Name under which transfer agent activities are conducted, if different from above:
4. Address of registrants principal place of business: No. and street 130 N. MAIN City BUTTE State MT Zip Code 59701
5. Furnish registrants reasons for ceasing the performance of transfer agent functions or for otherwise requesting withdrawal of its registration.
6. Furnish the last date registrant performed transfer agent functions as defined by Section 3(a)(25) of the Act for any security, including debt and equity, registered under Section 12 of the Act or which would be required to be registered except for the exemption from registration provided by subsection (g)(2)(B) or (g)(2)(G) of that section. 2/13/02
- Does registrant have any intention of performing in the near future a transfer agent function for any such security? NO
7. Is registrant directly or indirectly involved in any legal actions or proceedings or aware of any potential claims (including out-of-proof conditions) against it in connection with its performance of transfer agent functions for any security? If so, furnish complete information with respect to each.
☐ Yes ☒ No
8. Are there any unsatisfied judgments or liens against registrant arising out of its performance of transfer agent functions for any security? If so, furnish complete information regarding each judgment or lien.
☐ Yes ☒ No
9. For each issue shown on Schedule B of registrants Form TA-1, as amended, and for any issues for which registrant assumed transfer agent functions since the last amendment to Schedule B, furnish the name(s) and address(es) of any successor transfer agent(s) and state whether such transfer agent(s) is registered as a transfer agent pursuant to the Act. If there is no successor transfer agent(s), so state.
TOUCH AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC.
10. For each issue shown on Schedule B of registrants Form TA-1, as amended, and for any issues for which registrant assumed transfer agent functions since the last amendment to Schedule B, furnish the name(s) and address(es) of the person(s) who has or will have custody or possession of the books and records which registrant maintained in connection with its performance of transfer agent functions.
ROSE MARIE RALPH; TOUCH AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC.; 130 N MAIN ST BUTTE, MT. 59701
11. Furnish the address(es), if different from Item 10, where such books and records will be located.
12. EXECUTION. The registrant submitting this Form and its attachments and the person executing it represent hereby that it and all materials filed in connection therewith contain a true, correct and complete statement of all required information. Registrant also consents hereby to make the books and records it is required to preserve by Rules 17A d-6 and 7 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.17A d-6 and 7) available for examination by authorized representatives of the Securities and Exchange Commission during the period the rules require registrant to preserve such books and records and hereby authorizes the person having custody of such books and records to make them available to such representatives.

ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations.
(See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).)

Dated the 20TH day of JANUARY, 2003

TOUCH AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC.

Rose Marie Ralph
(Manual signature of principal officer or duly authorized principal)ROSE MARIE RALPH
(Printed name of principal officer or duly authorized principal)SENIOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY 406-497-5470
(Title) (Telephone number)

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Answer to Item 5. Due to The Montana Power Company divesting of its energy business and merging with Touch America Holdings, Inc., The Montana Power Company ceased its transfer agent services on 2/13/02.

Answer to Item 9. Successor transfer agent:
Touch America Holdings, Inc.
130 North Main Street
Butte, Montana 59701

Touch America Holdings, Inc. is a registered transfer agent pursuant to the Act -
SEC File No. 84-6019.